

NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND NEWS AND GOSSIP

Damaging and Disagreeable Effects of High Water.

N. & W. R. R. LOSES A SUIT

Tax Assessment Made by Board of Public Works on Railway Company's Tugs and Barges at Norfolk Carried to Court Where Former Wins — Norfolk Typographical Union Files Label.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., March 7.—Falling waters all day to-day relieved popular apprehension regarding conditions in the James, but did not help the situation a very great deal.

The water receded from some of the streets, and there was assurance that it would not come back, but the cellars were left full to overflowing, and the streets and sidewalks recently submerged, bore a coating of disagreeable slime.

The water did not fall fast enough to relieve conditions at the Gas Works, and while it receded sufficiently to permit the lighting of the fires, citizens who depend upon gas for light, had dark homes last night, or used petroleum or candles.

Telegraphic communication along the line of the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio was interrupted all day. Lynchburg could be reached only by way of Clifton Forge. The wires were down between that city and a point not twenty miles west of Richmond.

The snowfall was general all over the State, ranging in depth from less than an inch on the coast to three inches in Richmond. It was not much more than three inches at any point in the State. There was naturally a fear that the melting snows would swell the river into a freshet, and cause the renewal of conditions which the assurance of the waters was relieving. The drop in temperature dissipated such apprehensions. The assurance of continued fair weather makes it certain that the river will not rise soon to a point even remotely dangerous.

Conditions to-morrow will be very greatly improved. All the water will be out of the streets. First floors will be occupied as usual, even though the cellars be full of James river water. There will be plenty of gas. Street cars will make schedule time. Telegraphic lines will be working. Railway trains will begin to move over tracks recently blocked by the turbid waters of the angry James.

NEGROES CAMPING OUT.

Newton, a colored settlement, lying between Gillie's Creek and the government road, is completely submerged by the overflow in the river.

Only the chimneys of the houses are visible and the foaming waters roam at will through the untenanted rooms. While chairs, baby-cradles and brooms stick out in eddying currents around the dwellings and rush down the turbid tide.

The houses are almost all owned by the negroes who inhabit them, and their loss will be great.

Before the water surrounded the houses the negroes moved to the high ground, where they are now camped along the York River railroad line. Much suffering existed among them during the night and to-day, but an effort is being made to quarter them in the old King's mill property until the storm is over.

TRAIN STOPPED.

The train on the York River line came up this morning as far as the government road, where the passengers were transferred to carriages and omnibuses and brought to the city. Fulton is entirely cut off except round by the government road, the water being this morning up in Nicholson street.

IMPAIRED CAR SERVICE.

The snow storm and water combined operated considerably against the two electric companies to-day, but they managed to make fairly good schedules, everything considered. The Broad street cars were somewhat hampered in the early morning, but managed a little later to make schedule time from end to end of their lines. The old company had more serious obstacles to contend with, both on its Main and Clay street lines. Water covered Main street to a depth of three feet between Fifteenth and Seventeenth, and on Franklin, between the same points, it was even worse. A system of transfers was established and some kind of a schedule was maintained.

The scarcity of gas compelled the Leader, the afternoon paper of this city, to use temporary gasoline contrivances for heating the metal for the typesetting machines. One of the morning papers is using the same, but the Dispatch has a patent device that is working well. Gasoline and petroleum furnish the heat.

A NORFOLK CASE.

The Supreme Court of Appeals convened to-day, and considered several cases of importance. A case involving several important questions was the Norfolk and Western vs. the Board of Public Works, from the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, which was argued and submitted.

The railway company complains that it was unjustly assessed for taxation upon \$45,000 worth of property at Norfolk, which included two tug-boats, valued at \$50,000, six coal barges, valued at \$50,000; three floats, at \$5,000, and one

floating elevator, valued at \$2,000. The company claims that it has owned this property since September 4, 1898, and that under the laws of the United States and the regulations of the Treasury Department the property is listed at Philadelphia, and taxed there. It is claimed that the property is used in cast-iron trade between Lambert's Point coal pier, at Norfolk, and New York and New England; that it is never used at Norfolk, and is therefore not subject to taxation in Virginia.

Under the law Virginia transportation companies and some other corporations are required to go into the Circuit Court of this city to have an erroneous assessment corrected. This case was tried in the Richmond Circuit Court and decided in favor of the Board of Public Works. It is up on appeal. The railway company is represented by Mr. Robert N. Hughes, of Norfolk, and the Board of Public Works by Attorney General Montague.

FILED THEIR LABEL.

The act passed by the Legislature at its last session requiring printers to file with Secretary Lawless a duplicate of their labels and trade-marks, and a fee of \$2.50, has been complied with readily. The Norfolk Typographical Union, No. 22, has sent duplicates of their labels and trade-marks to the Secretary to be filed. As yet no other typographical union has complied with the law, but many printers have sent theirs in.

WORD FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Secretary Ben P. Owen received a letter from Governor Tyler to-day, dated at Tampa, and stating that he expected to sail for Havana Saturday. The party will hardly come back to Richmond before Saturday week.

HARRY WRENN DISCHARGED.

The Governor has been notified that Henry L. Wren, of Company A, Fourth Virginia regiment, has been honorably discharged, and is entitled to travel pay.

Dr. J. W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is in the city, on his way to Williamsburg to attend a meeting of the Board of Visitors to William and Mary College.

SOLDIERS FOR CUBA.

About 500 recruits for the United States Army at Havana and other points in Cuba, passed through the city about 3:30 o'clock this afternoon on the Atlantic Coast Line from Columbus, Ohio.

BECKER'S CASE.

It developed yesterday that there is every probability that several parties in Richmond may be arrested upon the charge of having falsely sworn to statements in connection with the securing of naturalization papers for Moritz Becker, the Russian, whose alleged wife and children were recently deported to Russia by the New York Immigration Bureau.

It is further reported that such parties as swore falsely to statements about Becker and the length of time he had resided in this country, will be prosecuted by the Federal authorities. District Attorney Allen would not discuss the matter when seen by a newspaper man.

NEW RAILWAY MANAGER.

Mr. E. L. Bemiss, of New Orleans, son-in-law of Mr. John B. Williams, is in the city, and will become general manager of the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company. It is thought that he will eventually be made president of the Traction Company. Mr. E. Randolph Williams thinks of retiring from that position on account of his extensive law practice. Mr. Bemiss will return to New Orleans before leaving here permanently. He is the manager in that city for the Edison Company.

SUPREME COURT CASES.

Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Board of Public Works (two cases). Argued by Robert M. Hughes for appellant, and Attorney General for appellee, and submitted.

Wise vs. Commonwealth. Continued. Hairston vs. Commonwealth; postponed until 14th March.

Somers vs. Commonwealth; submitted.

Taylor vs. Mutual Reserve Life Association of New York; argued by Wm. L. Russell for appellant, and continued until to-morrow.

Telegraphic advices to the local agents this afternoon state that the Norfolk and Western road is open and in working order from this city to Columbus, O.

PETERSBURG

Purchasers of Street Railway Will Construct New Line.

Mr. Sturdevant the Victim of a Horrible Accident by Which He Loses His Left Leg and Right Foot—Other News Items.

Petersburg, Va., March 7.—Mr. Jas. F. Haywood, of Baltimore, who has charge of the construction of the new street electric railway here, had engineers in the city yesterday at work on the specifications for the proposed new road. Mr. Sloan, of Baltimore, one of the engineers under Mr. Haywood, held a conference yesterday with the city engineer with reference to the grades of the streets and the plans for laying the tracks. The engineers will be here the whole of the week when the specifications will be made up and bids received for the building of the road. This work was started some time ago, but owing to the heavy snow it had to be discontinued and it is proposed now to go ahead without any further delay.

It was learned yesterday from a reliable source that it is expected to have the new street railway in operation by the first of July next.

LOST LEG AND FOOT.

Mr. George Sturdevant, who resides about ten miles from Disputanta station, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, and who is employed near Wakefield, met with a serious accident last Sunday. It appears that Mr. Sturdevant was riding on a coal car, and that he either fell from the car or attempted to jump from it when a short distance west of Disputanta, and was caught under the cars. His left leg was cut off and his right foot badly crushed. He was attended by Dr. Hart at Disputanta and was subsequently sent to his home.

UTILIZING JAIL BIRDS.

The work gang, which has been prevented for the past month from per-

forming the duties allotted to it on account of the weather, was started out to work again in the cemetery yesterday under the direction of Officer Ruffin. Several white tramps as well as some of the colored prisoners were in evidence. This gang has accomplished considerable work since its organization, and it is the intention of the Police Committee to keep the jail birds steadily engaged in the future.

BREVITIES.

Mr. Norman Chance died yesterday at his father's residence on Fleet street. The deceased, who was twenty years of age, is the seventh member of the family to die of pneumonia within a month. The father and youngest son are the only two now left, and the boy is sick.

Mr. Samuel I. Marks celebrated his ninety-first birthday yesterday and was the recipient of many congratulations and kind remembrances from his friends. Mr. Marks is believed to be the oldest white citizen of Petersburg, and no one enjoys more largely the confidence and esteem of the community than he.

Mr. L. B. Pearson, recently appointed train master for the western division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, with headquarters at Roanoke, moved his family to that place yesterday.

TOWN OF SUFFOLK

A Tremendous Boy For His Age.

Municipal Nominations Considered — Awaiting Admission to State Hospital — Enlarging Peanut Factory — Trouble With a Greek.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., March 7.—Isle of Wight county can boast of the biggest boy for his age in this Senatorial district, or, perhaps, in the State. Jim Little is 19 years old, weighs 320 pounds and has never stopped growing. If Jim continues to grow tall and stout till his 25th year he will have the stature of a giant.

He is now well shaped and broad shouldered. Jim is a son of Mr. Jason Little, a well-known citizen, who lives near the Surry county line. None of Jim's brothers and sisters—and he has a great many—has shown signs of such remarkable weight. The second in size weighs 225 pounds.

CANDIDATES WANT TO KNOW.

Despite the anxiety on the part of some candidates for Mayor to know just what kind of plan is going to be adopted to secure nominations, the town Executive Committee will take its own time in deciding. The committee had a meeting yesterday in the office of the chairman, Hon. John B. Parker, and after a discussion of the situation they adjourned sine die and without action. Some of them say it's too early to do anything yet. One of the committee told me to-night they wanted to please the people, and that they may know exactly what the people want, they would be glad to have the public's wishes made known. The committee has not yet decided whether there will be a primary or convention. A majority of the people want a primary, but what kind of a primary is a harder question.

The fight for the Mayoralty nomination this time will be one of the most animated in the town's history. Besides the four avowed candidates now out fresh ones and dark horses are being spoken of every day.

The senate for seats in the Council chamber will be tame. Some of the present members will not accept another nomination.

SLOW MOVING LUNATICS.

There has of late been considerable delay in getting Nansmond patients into the insane hospitals. Mrs. Georgiana Parker, whom a commission of lunacy pronounced unbalanced nearly three weeks ago, has not yet been removed to Williamsburg. She is confined in the Nansmond County Jail, which is better suited for criminals than for the accommodation of delicate ladies. Jailor Norfleet's family makes her as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

Sometimes colored patients remain in jail here several months before being removed to Petersburg.

A MARCH BLIZZARD.

Though not the coldest, to-day was one of the most disagreeable of the winter. Old Boreas, after a temporary relaxation, took hold of the weather department with a grip of snow and ice. Following a fall in the thermometer of about 20 degrees a fierce snow and wind storm set in and raged most of the day. Snow storm falling during the afternoon, but the wind maintained its violence till far into the night, and the thermometer continued to sink. Farmers fear much damage to early spring crops.

ENLARGING PEANUT FACTORY.

The Nansmond Peanut Company is putting in new machinery and making improvements that will double the plant's capacity. Both of Suffolk's peanut factories are handling large quantities of nuts, and their financial worth to the town is considerable.

TROUBLE WITH A GREEK.

Harry Williams, colored, had some difficulty with the Greek confectioners who keep on Washington square, near Saratoga street, and he was invited to tell about it in Police Court this morning. The explanation was not altogether exculpatory in Mayor Brewer's opinion, and he made it \$4.20.

OYSTER ROAST POSTPONED.

The returned veterans from the Spanish-American war did not get their oysters to-night. The roast, which was to have happened at the wharf, near

SUFFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR MAYOR TOWN OF SUFFOLK—J. WALTER HOSIER, solicitor for the Democratic Primary.

FOR MAYOR TOWN OF SUFFOLK—JUNUS T. PARKER, solicitor for the Democratic Primary.

WOODARD & ELAM, Insurance Agents Suffolk, Va., are selling a policy for each dollar that pays five dollars per week should the holder have typhoid, scarlet or typhus fever, smallpox, Asiatic cholera, varicella, diphtheria or measles. All persons over eighteen years of age can get them. Not more than ten policies sold to one person.

the foot of Main street, was postponed a day because of the storm. The function is given to the former soldiers by Mr. W. F. Cotten, of Chuckatuck.

TEMPORARILY DEPRESSED.

A letter from Las Vegas, New Mexico, to Suffolk relatives, says Mr. Daniel Brothers, who went there last fall for his health, was not quite so well at that writing. His friends here hope the depression is only temporary, and Mr. Brothers will continue to improve.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

The Rev. William T. Green, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church, has recovered from his late severe illness.

Mr. E. S. Anthony, of Norfolk, was in Suffolk to-day on business.

Mr. R. T. Savage, of Corapeake, N. C., registered at the Commercial Hotel to-day.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's P. E. church, will have their regular monthly meeting next Thursday with Mrs. Lawrence S. Baker, on Main street, near Market. The hour is 4:30 p. m.

Mr. W. S. Morris, of Norfolk, visited friends in Suffolk to-day.

Lawyer S. S. Lambeth, of Norfolk, has finished a visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Jesse Parker, in Suffolk.

William Webb, the one-armed prisoner, who opened the prison locks of the Isle of Wight jail with a piece of wire, and who was afterwards taken, is very low spirited since his re-capture, and will serve his time without further forcible attempts at freedom.

The 7:30 a. m. services at St. Paul's P. E. Church to-day were not largely attended.

NEWPORT NEWS

Effects of the Blizzard on Shipping.

Schooner J. P. Keagle at the Bottom of the River—The Murderer Drayton, Although Heavily Ironed, Makes His Escape.

Newport News, Va., March 7.—The stiffest northwest wind that has visited Newport News in years swept this entire section of Virginia last night and it is still raging.

The storm started last night with a heavy downpour of rain. After midnight it stopped raining and a cold wind blew from the North. The wind increased in velocity and travelled at times fully sixty miles an hour.

The crews of the ships in the river spent a night of suffering.

The United States transport Thomas, which started for Savannah at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was ordered back on reaching Old Point and returned to the harbor at 6:30 p. m.

The vessel blew a distress whistle during the night, for assistance, as she was dragging her anchor. The whistle continued to blow through the early hours of the morning, but on account of the roughness of the water, no tugs ventured to her assistance. She ran into the shipyard pier and was somewhat damaged. The Thomas tied up this morning in the slip for safety. She will have to be repaired before leaving.

The two-masted schooner J. P. Keagle is a wreck at the bottom of the river, in the slip between the breakwater and the passenger pier.

Quite a number of oyster sloops, which put in the harbor for shelter, are aground along the river front.

MURDER DRAYTON ESCAPES.

Andrew Drayton, the negro who was sent on to the grand jury of the County Court on the charge of murdering James Clarke on the schooner Passadena some weeks ago, and who was sent to the penitentiary to be treated for smallpox, effected his escape from the "strong house" early this morning and is still at large.

Drayton's limbs were secured in irons during confinement and the authorities are at a loss to account for his successful escape. The irons were new and heavy and could not have been cut very well in the "strong house," as the prisoner has been closely guarded and no one has been permitted to have conversation with him. He is now probably confined in some dug-out in the woods with the tramps who are unusually thick at this time, and very likely has the shackles on, as it would take hours of filing to part the irons.

NAMES FOR MORGAN LINERS.

The names for the four new Morgan Line steamships and the two new Cromwell Line steamships, the contracts for which are held by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry-Dock Company, have been decided upon and they were given out last night.

The names are as follows:
El Alba, meaning the dawn.
El Dia, meaning the day.
El Siglo, meaning the century.
El Libro, meaning the free.

MR. HUNTINGTON'S PURCHASE.

Mr. C. P. Huntington has just closed a deal with the Old Dominion Land Company, whereby he becomes the owner of 197 lots included in four whole blocks and two half blocks, situated just opposite the shipyard, running from Washington avenue back to the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and lying between Thirty-ninth and Forty-first streets, on either side of the Chesapeake and Ohio branch, which runs down into the shipyard.

It is useless to conjecture what Mr. Huntington acquired this valuable property for. It cost about \$40,000, and may be intended for the proposed steel plant, the ordinance factory, an armor-plate plant, or just to be held for future use. It will not be sold again.

LYNCHBURG.

A YOUTH DROWNED—ANOTHER ROANOKE BANKRUPT.

Lynchburg, Va., March 7.—Monday, while the current in the river was strongest, Frank and William Taylor, two youths, who live on the Amherst side, procured a boat and began to collect driftwood as it came down. While they were towing a big sill to the bank, their boat ran against a tree and capsized. The elder brother, Frank, saved himself by clinging to the tree, from which he was later on rescued by persons in another boat. William, a lad aged about 17, was thrown in the water and made a brave effort to swim ashore, but the stream was so swift and the water so icy cold that his strength soon gave out, and in sight of many who would willingly have helped him



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If they could, and within a few yards of the bank, he threw up his hands and sank. The body has not been recovered.

A petition in bankruptcy has been received by the Clerk of the United States District Court from J. A. Beard, of Roanoke, with liabilities of \$3,133.83, the creditors being in Roanoke, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Richmond, Baltimore, Boston. Real estate, \$1,600. Property claimed to be exempted, \$1,773.

THE OLD DOMINION.

Captain G. Julian Pratt, raiser and dealer in fine stock, near Waynesboro, is very ill at his home.

Mr. Ham, White, son of the late Meade M. White, a celebrated lawyer, died in Florida of yellow fever contracted at El Caney. He partially recovered, but was again stricken down en route to his command.

Mr. Lewis Circle, an old and well known citizen of Botetourt county, died last Sunday, aged 73 years.

Mr. Francis Jones died recently in Tazewell county, aged 83 years. He was a native of Botetourt county.

Captain Samuel V. Fulkerson, of Bristol, a son of Hon. Abe Fulkerson, who went to Cuba as a captain in the Fourth Tennessee Regiment, has been appointed attorney general for the district of Sancti Spiritus, Cuba.

Mrs. Samuel A. Wingfield, of Hanover county, died Monday.

Mr. James Johnson, a well known citizen of Caroline county, died at his home, near Guilford's, aged 76 years.

Mr. James C. Hoar, of Loudoun county, will wed on the 11th of this month Miss Edith, daughter of the late Hon. Nelson Dingley, at Lewiston, Me.

Another "teen option" election will be held in Leesburg District on Wednesday, March 20th. For many years the county of Loudoun has been "dry." This is the third attempt to get this district "wet."

Dr. C. L. Dodd, who was prominently connected with the late Improvements



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of the Belmed Colored Catholic School, at Powhatan Courthouse, will return to Philadelphia, having accepted a situation there.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoague, aged about 80 years, relict of J. Barclay Hoague, died Monday morning at the home of her son, Colonel William T. Hoague, treasurer of the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington. She had been an invalid for a number of years. She was a native of Rockbridge.

In addition to the \$500 left to Trinity Episcopal Church in the will of the late Major William Key Howard, Mrs. Howard and the three sons, who are the only heirs, have cancelled a debt of \$960 due the estate by said church, making the total donation \$1,460.

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